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Irradiation labeling should not be lost in the small printing. The effect it has on food is no small thing. Irradiation kills all types of bacteria, not just harmful substances like E-coli. Most of the contaminants in food are eradicated by irradiation. Those that get nuked and survive flourish and spread through the food in resistant mutated forms. Irradiation is not the answer for a safe food supply, only an excuse for the corporations to disregard unsanitary conditions.

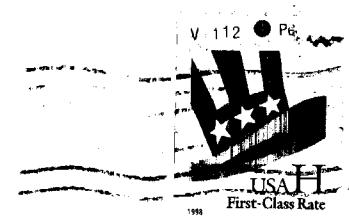
Other mutations can occur, along with carcinogens. Several of these have yet to be identified, nor is their effect known. Nutrients are also lost or destroyed in the process. Radiation is not a healthy experience. Why would people choose to consume food that has been irradiated? That they are making that choice should be made blatantly obvious for every piece of irradiated food. What has priority in a democracy: corporate profit or the general public's health?

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